

become a growl—menacing.

And they know it, these men; that is why they are fighting so hard, but they fight too late. There isn't any power that will stem the tide now. The toilers are awake, and their growl is like the growl of a dog that wants to give warning before it bites.

There was something rather nasty in Strauss' suggestion that the three absent members of the Legislation Commission should be there to hear what the employers think of this eight-hour law—it sounded almost like a threat.

Sometimes the whole situation seems farcical to me. It is so easy of solution. There never has been a need to have these men tell what they think of these things—their books showing the profit they make off of their women labor would tell the whole story of whether they could operate under a minimum wage and an eight-hour law.

But still there are investigations, and still they get their newspaper space on which to spread their ideas, and still nothing is accomplished for the working people.

And there never will be by this method. There is only one way by which we will get what is ours by right of labor—and that is to stand together and say to them:

"What good is your capital to you if we won't work for you? How long will you run your laundry when we refuse to operate your machines or do your hand-work?

"Where will you get your merchandise to sell if we will not make it for you? And how will you sell it if we refuse to serve you?"

And until we are strong enough to do that, there isn't much use objecting to their persecutions of us, even in the hours when they do not have jurisdiction over us.

There were men who cried "Crucify the Christ," and though we hold them in loathing contempt, they weren't of any different caliber than

these millionaire employers who want to crucify their women workers.

However, do not forget girls, you are apt to be investigated in your idle time, and if you have any time between the hours when you stop toiling and go to sleep be very careful what you do, or Weims, of the well-laundered shirt, may tell the Commission on you.

O'HARA WELFARE COMMISSION TO MEET MONDAY

The first open meeting of the O'Hara Welfare Commission, since Lieut.-Gov. O'Hara was cleared of the unfounded charges against him, will be held in the Hotel LaSalle Monday morning.

Prof. Graham Taylor, head of Chicago Commons settlement; Thomas B. O'Connell, secretary of Chicago Laundry Trust; E. C. Jones, Pres. United States Broom and Brush Co., and the managers of Woolworth's and Knox's and other five and ten-cent stores are expected to be called.

Tuesday the commission will return to Springfield to take up the fight for the passage of the minimum wage bill by the senate next week.

"I believe some minimum wage bill will be reported out of the committee on labor," said Lieut.-Gov. O'Hara today.

"The members of the committee will take up the fight in the senate and put every man on record on this issue.

"I believe that the bill will pass the house as well as the senate.

"If the commission's bill is not reported out, we are hoping that some other minimum wage bill pending before the committee will be sent to the floor of the senate."

The O'Hara commission probably will send in its first report to the senate next week.

"I think, sir, that you are sitting on my hat." "Is yours a soft or a hard hat?" "It is a soft hat, sir." "Then I am not sitting on it."